

County Correspondence

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

ELWELL NEWS

By Our Own Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doun of Collins are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Taylor. Mrs. Doun is a sister of Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mallory and little daughter left for their home in Borville, Idaho, Saturday.

Attend church next Sunday.

George Sandel is spending the holidays at his home north of town.

Glen Longworthy returned to his work in Detroit Friday.

Will Johnson expects to return to Elwell and occupy his home on the new addition driving his car to his work in Edmore.

Clinton Nelson will have a car load of shelled corn at this place for sale at \$1.10 a bushel, the first of the week.—Adv.

Clinton Nelson of Alma transacted business at this place Monday.

Allen Sadler and family ate New Year's dinner with Mrs. Sadler's mother, Mrs. Hildreth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medler and Mr. and Mrs. Will Waber spent New Year's Day with Mrs. Medler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coral.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Will Waber were Alma shoppers Wednesday.

William Keyes returned to his home Saturday evening, after a two weeks' visit in Elsie.

Glen Corator was in Alma just now caller Friday.

Mrs. Don Currence was an Alma guest Saturday.

Will Waber transacted business in Alma Saturday.

In the Elwell items of last week it was stated that Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Fisher purchased some cattle of the Bates strain. The purchase price was \$800.00. We wish to correct the above. Albert Fisher alone purchased them. Mr. Fisher states that he is convinced the above cattle are the most profitable and at the same time best investment which the dairy farmer can make.

Mrs. Arthur Roof and little daughter have returned home after two weeks' visit with her parents in Wheeler.

Will Young and family of Kalama-200 visited his father, A. H. Young, and sister, Miss Ina Young, in Elwell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Waber were Alma business callers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oliver were Friday and Saturday guests in Shepherd.

I. P. Taylor attended the field meeting of the Michigan Sugar company in Alma Monday.

Floyd Nelson and Charlie Haven drove to Riverdale Saturday and purchased a load of potatoes of Mr. King.

Ed Leonard of Riverdale transacted business at this place Saturday.

Wm. Williams is confined to his bed with the grip.

Donald Weidman of Saginaw and Harold Merrill of Alma visited Master Harold Colister Friday.

Elias Rockwell transacted business in Alma Saturday.

Miss Mabel Jenks of St. Louis is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kelley.

Earl and Dewey Sadler of Alma were over Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sadler.

Miss Esther Ellison of Jackson and Ray Ellison of St. Louis were over Sunday guests of Mrs. Clara Humphrey.

William Hutchinson is recovering from the grip.

Emery Wiley returned to his work in Alma Monday.

Miss Katherine Currence returned to Detroit after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Currence.

Clarence Madden of St. Louis visited relatives at this place Saturday.

Miss Amy Mallory visited in Alma and St. Louis this week.

Miss Letta Boyer, the efficient bookkeeper at the elevator, visited her parents in Weidman last week.

Mrs. Clinton Nelson has gone to Detroit where she will spend some time with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rockwell entertained the following guests at their farm residence for the week end: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hanley and daughter, Arlene, and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bennett and daughter of Alma in honor of their granddaughter.

Arthur Decker of Saskatchewan is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Irene Decker, then he will go to Portland, Oregon, to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wiley of Riverdale visited Mr. Wiley's mother, Mrs. Emery Wiley, Thursday.

Levi Pritchard transacted business in St. Louis Thursday.

Miss Nora Samain will spend the week end in Alma, a guest of the Misses Fern and Nellie Nelson.

George Dalrymple ate New Year's dinner with John Hanes and family.

Jessie Harrison was the victim of a peculiar accident last week while cutting wood on the Fleming place. While carrying his ax on his shoulder on the way to dinner, he tripped over a limb laying in the snow and in falling the blade of the ax penetrated the back of his head at the base of the skull, making a wound which required a number of stitches to close. If the ax had struck little lower, the results might have been very serious.

Miss Anna Hutchinson and Mrs. Clarence Fairchild visited friends in Alma Thursday.

VESTABURG ITEMS

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Mrs. Martha Walker, who has been visiting in Hemlock at the home of Mrs. Ed. Cramer and in Saginaw at the home of her sister, returned home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fred Whitney and son, Ronald, of Montgomery are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green. Mr. Bush of Gobioville, who has been here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Henry Howard, returned to his home Thursday.

Pat Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, received a serious wound on his right elbow when he was accidentally shot New Year's Day while hunting with Martin Nickerson. The gun, which was laid down while they were trying to get a rabbit and ferret out of a hole, was in some manner accidentally discharged, and Pat received the full charge in his elbow, which shattered the bones and cut the cords. His parents were telephoned for and Ed. Harding rushed them out to Mr. Nickerson's in his car. Dr. Graham of Sumner was summoned at once, and they telephoned Dr. Brainerd of Alma to come to the home of Mr. Brown at Vestaburg, where they brought Pat, as soon as possible. He was put under an anesthetic, his arm was being dressed and it was found to be in a terrible condition. At this time it is not known whether his arm will be amputated or not as his parents would not consent to such an operation without the consent of their son, who had not come out of the anesthetic at the time of getting this news.

Mr. Race and Roy McGilivray spent New Year's Day in Saginaw.

Miss Leta Carner of Riverdale spent the week end here visiting her cousins, Mrs. George Reed and Mrs. Inez Fisher.

Albert Briggs of Gladwin county came Thursday evening to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs. The Misses Carrie Lotter and Frances McGilivray of Elkton were over Sunday guests of the latter's father and brother, James McGilivray and son Roy, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs entertained at a family gathering on New Year's Day the following out of town guests: their sons, Albert of Gladwin county and Mabel of Detroit, and their daughter, Mrs. Vern Cook, her husband and daughter, Neva, of Edmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harzey Fisher entertained the former's parents of Sumner from Monday until Wednesday.

Albert Briggs of Gladwin county and Mabel Briggs of Detroit were pleasantly surprised at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs on Friday evening, December 29th, when several of their friends walked in to spend the evening with them. A very nice time was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served at about 11 p. m. by the hostess who gave the party in honor of her sons. The evening was spent in playing games and singing.

Ed Cramer has sold his stock of personal merchandise at Hemlock which he purchased on leaving the Vestaburg bank and has accepted the position of bookkeeper and credit man with a large shoe firm in Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are making arrangements to leave Hemlock and will reside in Saginaw. Their many friends in Vestaburg join in wishing them success.

Mrs. Mabel Nent, who has been visiting her father, John Goho, and sister, Mrs. Myrt Cummings, has returned to her home in Saginaw.

Ora Nickerson of Greenville was in town Wednesday.

Attend the M. W. of A. dance Friday evening, January 19th.

Mrs. J. P. Snyder is ill at this writing.

Mr. McGilivray has returned from his visit at Elkton.

Frank Hamlin went near Crystal Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. George Barger.

School commenced Tuesday, January 2nd, after a vacation since December 22nd at which time the teachers and their pupils exchanged Christmas presents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wartz are in Niagara Falls, New York, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Matilda Kuster died at her home in Vestaburg Saturday evening, December 30th. Obituary next week.

Malcom Walker of Riverdale spent New Year's Day with his father, Hugh Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eavey are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Flossie O'Laughlan, and her daughter of Saginaw who came Saturday to visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Skidmore are here from Detroit visiting their daughter, Mrs. Esther Thorp, and son, Guy Skidmore.

Mrs. Anna Johnson and daughter of Rosobush, who attended the gathering of relatives at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Manley, Christmas Day have returned to their home.

Grant Woodman was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caris Friday night.

Mrs. Charles Gillette was in Alma during the week end, visiting her son, William Gillette.

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TOWN LINE

Carl Abbott visited a few days with relatives in Riverdale and here, returning to Belding Sunday evening.

School commenced at the Weight school on Tuesday.

John Shong and family and Pat Whitcraft and wife spent Sunday with Kirk Hills and wife near Shepherd.

Mrs. Louis Muhn is entertaining relatives from Ohio this week.

Frank Ellis and family, who went to Saginaw to spend Christmas with relatives, have been unable to return home on account of Mr. Ellis being sick.

Mrs. Thomas Rayercraft visited her daughter, Mrs. Alton Wiley, the past week.

Thomas Osborn and wife are spending a few days with relatives in Toledo.

Kirk Hall of Owosso, who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Osborn, and aunt, Mrs. Korah Fookes, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ed. Hoyt, in Alma, has returned home.

John, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Way, is very sick with pneumonia under the care of Dr. E. T. Lamb of Alma.

News reached here last week that a little daughter had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fookes formerly of here.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

It has been claimed by many, and particularly in the public press, that rents in Alma have soared until they threaten the further development of the city, and serious minded persons are taking thought to what remedy can improve these conditions.

Among these vitally interested in the matter are the officers of the Republic Truck Company who are concerned not only in the city's growth in numbers, but whose own interests suggest that the additions coming in, particularly those seeking positions with them, shall constitute both a substantial and permanent citizenship.

Therefore they have taken counsel with other public spirited citizens and capitalists in Alma to the end that they might together devise some plan that would tend to reduce the high cost of rents, assist in permanent and substantial growth and upbuilding of the city, and at the same time justify those who will furnish the financial backing necessary for that purpose.

The result has been that Frank W. Ruggles, President; T. A. Burt, Vice President; Charles Rhodes, Secretary; and George W. Moore, treasurer, respectively, of the Republic Truck Company, and Messrs. Ira H. McKinney, Mayor of the city; Charles O. Ward, P. M. Smith, J. W. Blakely, Harry Gerber and C. V. Calkins have joined in, inducing Messrs. W. McC. Johnston and W. B. Johnston, extensive builders in Detroit and elsewhere, to join them in the organization of the Kensington Heights Homes Company, the purpose of which is to finance the building of two hundred and fifty neat, entirely modern, and substantial homes in Alma, and sell them on reasonable cash payments and long time to deserving and substantial citizens now struggling with high rents.

The buying of material entering into these homes in not less than fifty house-pattern lots, and for spot cash money, gets not only all the usual trade discounts and commissions off (which are usually not less than five to fifteen per cent), but also

gets in most lines at least twice that discount, so that it is believed that by taking advantage of these low prices, enough can be saved, in the buying alone and construction, to supply these homes to buyers much lower than they could possibly build them singly, and yet save enough also to justify those financing the enterprise in so doing.

They have purchased and laid out the beautiful forty-acre tract, fronting on Michigan Ave., at the east end of the city, into handsome boulevards, avenues and streets, which are now being opened up and improved. On Michigan Ave. will be built only handsome and expensive homes, on other streets homes just as pretty but rather less expensive, while on still others, modest little bungalow homes which, while inexpensive, will be just as pretty and convenient as those costing hundreds of dollars more money.

The first homes built will be such as are usually sold at from twelve hundred fifty to two thousand dollars each, but being built under these advantageous conditions, the low price of only from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars will be named and the terms, only a reasonable cash payment, balance on long time with small monthly payments exactly as is now being paid for rent. The difference by this plan is, that in a short time you will own your own home instead of as now, when some other man is owning it and charging you rent for it.

Those contemplating buying or owning a nice home in a beautiful subdivision, where each will conform to the surrounding homes nicely, and where each will be the very last word in modern bungalow constructions, will conserve their own interests very largely by consulting Mr. Johnston, who is in full charge of the enterprise, at as early date as possible, as many of these homes have already been spoken for, and if the demand continues, it may be impossible to supply all as promptly as might be wished, or as many as might be found desirable.

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